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Dear Sir/Madam:

Response and Amendment

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on February 26, 2010.

Claims amendment

1. Please amend the claims as shown on the attached marked-up pages:
 - According to the Examiner's request, and in order to clarify the claims, we amended claims 1 and 7 by correcting the Markush terminology.
 - Important features distinguishing the instant invention from the prior art's fertilizers have now been added in amended claim 1, namely the solid and freely flowing character. Support for the amendments can be found, e.g., on page 1, line 5; on page 2, lines 22-24; and in the Examples.
 - Typographical and wording amendments have been effected in claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-12. Dependencies have been amended in claims 3-5, 11 and 14. These amendments do not include any new subject matter and are intended to improve the clarity of the text.

Clarity of claims 1-14

2. The Examiner alleges that the clause "*chosen from among... or...*", appearing in claims 1 and 7, is improper. That clause was deleted, re-phrased accordingly.